

Wellington Chess Club Annual General Meeting Minutes

7.30pm 4 April 2024

Present: President Bill Forster, Club Captain Arthur Pomeroy, Treasurer Andrew Brockway
Secretary Alan Aldridge and 11 members

Apologies: Russell Dive and Ross Jackson

Minutes of the Previous Meeting: Andrew Brockway and Leo Hooper moved the minutes be accepted as a true record of the previous meeting.

Matters Arising: Interschools- Bill Forster reported that Gordon Lyall had taken over running of the interschools chess.

Girls in Chess – Rebecca Fairbrother reported that the focus last year was developing junior chess and getting the junior club established. This year she will use the junior club to promote more girls playing. Alan Aldridge moved that the meeting thank Rebecca for her work in setting up the junior club, agreed unanimously. Rebecca thanked the younger club members including Joy Ulm, Luke Chang and Ryan Winter who had helped her.

Treasurer's Report: Andrew Brockway spoke to his report. The surplus was down on last year but that was an extraordinary year due to a profit made from hosting Congress. There was a small loss made running 2023 tournaments.

The Bridge club had increased rent from \$92 to \$126 a week from the previous August. Andrew proposed raising subs by \$10 to help cover the extra rent, some of which the club could absorb. Arthur Pomeroy proposed the club move some money to a term deposit.

Bill Forster moved the Financial Statements be accepted.

Club Captain's Report: Arthur noted a correction to the previous year's minutes be made to say the tournament winners were in the year 2022, not 2023. Arthur said the Vega system is being used successfully and thanked Bill Forster for his help during the year. He proposed that there be a deputy club captain appointed and Aiden Malcolm volunteered for this position. Arthur reported that 80 players had entered the Summer Cup. He didn't have a list of tournament winners for 2023 but would provide the information for the meeting minutes (provided and included below)

Summer Cup 1st = Ryan Winter, Nicolas Winsley

Rapid 1st Anthony Ker 2nd Nicolas Croad

Autumn Cup RR1 1st Nicolas Croad 2nd Anthony Ker

RR2 1st Cohen Young 2nd= Ian Sellen, William Forster

RR 3d 1st Aidan Malcolm 2nd Jack McConnell

Swiss 1st Kayden Loke 2nd= Karthik Sethuramalingam, Edward Tanoi, Christopher Moses

Chess 960 1st Nicolas Croad 2nd Nicholas Winsley

Julian Mazur 1st David Cilia Vincenti 2nd Russell Dive

Blitz 1st Anthony Ker 2nd Thomas van der Hoorn

Club Championship A Grade 1st = Anthony Ker, Layla Timergazi

B Grade 1st Edward Tanoi 2nd = Edgar Benitez, Ross Jackson

Swiss 1st Luke Chan 2nd Arthur Pomeroy

Wellington Open: 1st Nicolas Croad 2nd= Isabelle Ning, Ryan Winter, Anthony Ker

Estonian Rapid 1st Cohen Young 2nd = Ryan Winter, Ben Hague, Anthony Ker, Thomas van der Hoorn

President's Report:

Bill Forster said he had not prepared a written report but would make some general comments. 2023 had been a year of business as usual with teething problems with Vega software fixed and good attendance. The Club had hosted the 2024 North Island Championship which attracted 88 players and had generally positive feedback. The inaugural Estonian Rapid had also been held in 2023.

Bill said the biggest problem the club faced was the senior committee members who were the office holders were becoming burnt out and stale from too many years running the club. Young committee members tended not to come to management committee meetings. Bill said he would not be President this time next year. Andrew Brockway said he had been Treasurer for many years but would also like to finish before long and agreed we need younger committee members. Andrew suggested we look at the membership to identify potential future committee members. Bill suggested Rebecca could email members asking if they would like to be on the committee.

Election of Officers and Committee

Arthur Pomeroy nominated Bill Forster for President. Bill nominated Alan Aldridge for Secretary, Andrew Brockway for Treasurer and Arthur Pomeroy for Club Captain. Rebecca Fairbrother nominated Aiden Malcolm, Michael Ashe, Ian Sellen for the committee. Bill Forster nominated Rebecca Fairbrother. All elected unanimously.

General Business

North Island Championship. Bill Forster reported that while Russell Dive and Anthony Ker hadn't liked the Wellington College venue, in general most players liked it, and it had parking and was a big space. Rebecca suggested referring the venue discussion to the committee and we should ask the Bridge Club about Easter availability.

North Island Rapid. Bill Forster said the club would run this tournament in 2024 and combine it with the club's Estonian rapid.

Subscriptions. Bill Forster moved we accept Andrew Brockway's recommendation of a \$10 increase over all categories. Seconded Rebecca Fairbrother.

Incorporated Society. Bill Forster said that by 2026 the club would have to reincorporate to comply with new rules. Arthur suggested whatever we come up with be circulated in advance. Andrew suggested putting any changes on the website and offered to research a 'boilerplate' clauses used by his Bridge Club. Rebecca offered to help.

Website. Rebecca suggested Bill write down logins for the website, Bill agreed.

Meeting Closed 8.40pm